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Dept believes desirable to have advance understanding with British, French and Germans on procedure for coordination between NAC and Four Power Working Group during latter's forthcoming meetings in Paris. Our desire is to find formula which will: (1) satisfy NAC that it is being adequately consulted; and (2) provide sufficient flexibility for Working Group, which will be working under tight time schedule and must be in position to discuss matters freely, informally and without accountability to Govts. Would appreciate USRO comments on following before approaching others:

1. While Working Group in session, periodic progress reports would be given to NAC in private session by Perm Rep of one of Four Powers, presumably French Perm Rep in view host country chairmanship of WG. Flexible procedure would be followed: i.e., progress reports would not RPT not be worked out in writing and agreed in advance by WG, but would be oral reports discussed in WG in advance, but not referred to Govts for approval.

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2. WG will presumably produce written report to Four Power Foreign Ministers (Deptel 3103 to Paris).  
at conclusion its session. This document could be handled in same manner as Four Power analysis and questionnaire: i.e., after appropriate sanitizing, it could be circulated to Perm Reps with emphasis on need for strictly limiting and controlling distribution and on fact that document represents views of Working Group only.
3. In addition, chairman of WG (presumably Laloy) might appear before private meeting of NAC at end of WG session and give oral summary and explanation of WG's activities.
4. At any stage during WG session, NAC could of course discuss substance and could be understood that Perm Reps of Four Powers would undertake to transmit views expressed in NAC to WG.

Above based on assumption European Security Committee will not RPT not be reactivated.

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